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possess " So, in their latest published volume,
they express
their abiding sense of what she has called the
mystical
element in life They believe in more than they
can see or
touch Here are legions into which the
"outside" biogia-
pher will not seek to penetrate

They have been chaigcd with inhumanity
Perhaps that
3S the word easiest to find to covei their
strangeness

Stiangc, ceitamy, by the standards of average
human

accomplishment, is the unity of affection, will
and action
achieved by two beings, naturally maikedly
dissimilar,

and strange, too, the unswerving steadiness of
disinterested

labour that old age m them finds umelaxcd

Yet must

not any of us, regaidmg them to-day, feel that

they are, as

Cato said of Scipio Aemihanus, real in a world

of shadows?

If so, it is because they know then purpose, and

have been

tiue to it